(b) In respect of industries other than those in Annxure III to the Statement on Industiral Policy, automatic permission will be given subject to the same guidelines as above if no free foreign exchange is required for any payments.

All other proposals will need specific approval under the general procedures in force.

The facility of automatic permission will thus be available to all industries, including synthetic, diamonds, welding, electrodes and food processing industries as long as the above criteria is fulfilled.

Indigenous Newsprint for small and medium newspapers

*66. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Newspapers Editor's Conference has urged Government to set apart the indigenous newsprint for small and medium newspapers as these newspapers cannot afford to buy imported newsprint;

(b) whether due to devaluation of rupee, it has now become costlier for small and medium newspapers to buy imported newsprint; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The current prices of standard newsprint are given in the Statement (*See* below)

(c) The small and medium newspapers with an annual entitlement upto 200 MT have the option to take indigenous or imported Newsprint either in part or in full.

Statement

The prices of standard newsprint

I. *Indigenous Newsprint*

	(Rupees per MT)	
(i) Nepa Ltd.	14,800/-	(52GSM)
(ii) Mysore Paper Mills	16,905/-	(58/49 GSM)
(iii) Hindustan Newsprint Ltd.	16,255/-	(48/49 GSM)
(iv) Tamilnadu Newsprint and Paper Ltd.	17,270/-	(49 GSM)
II. *Imported Newsprint*		
(i) Imported other than Bangladesh	16,000/-+800 as surcharge	(49 GSM)
(ii) Bangladesh	14,800/-+800 as surcharge	(49 GSM)

Uranium deposits in Meghalaya

*67. **SHRI G. G. SWELL:**
DR. NARREDY THULASI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large deposits of uranium have been discovered at Domiasiat, West Khasi Hills in Meghalaya;

(b) if so, the grade of the uranium and its estimated quantity;

(c) since when exploration in the area has statred;

(d) the area that will be covered in mining of uranium;

(e) whether there are indications of more uranium in the adjacent areas; if so, whether any preliminary